

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-11 are pending in the present application. No claims have been added, amended or cancelled by the present amendment.

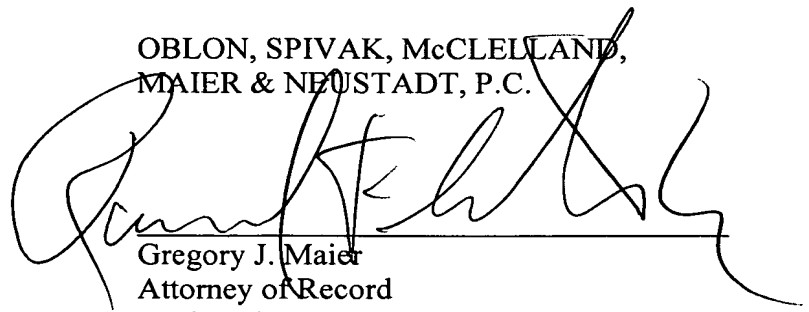
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 9-11 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1, 7, and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,007, and Claims 9-11 were allowed.

Regarding the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting rejection, Applicant files concurrently with the present response a Terminal Disclaimer as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 9-11 has been overcome.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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